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SUBJECT: ABILITY OF WEST AFRICAN COASTAL STATES TO PATROL  
OFFSHORE FISHERIES

1. ONE OF THE REQUESTS REGULARLY MADE TO US BY WEST AFRICAN COASTAL STATES RELATES TO THEIR DESIRE TO PATROL OFFSHORE FISHING GROUNDS IN ORDER TO PREVENT POACHING BY NEIGHBORING STATES OR THE DEEP FISHING FLEETS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, NOTABLY THE SOVIET UNION AND SOUTH KOREA. IN GENERAL, THESE REQUESTS ARE FOR THE PURCHASE OF COAST GUARD CUTTERS OF VARIOUS TYPES. FEW OF THESE STATES CAN AFFORD TO BUY AND MAINTAIN SUCH CRAFT.

2. TO ASSIST US IN PREPARING ANSWER TO THESE REQUESTS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RESPONSES TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A) HOW IMPORTANT IS OFFSHORE FISHING TO THE ECONOMY OF THE HOST COUNTRY? IS THE CATCH CONSUMED LOCALLY OR EXPORTED? TO WHAT EXTENT DO FISHERIES QUESTIONS, PARTICULARLY FOREIGN FISHING, HAVE POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS?

B) WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF OFFSHORE FISHING?

C) HOW DOES THE COUNTRY REGULATE OFFSHORE FISHING?

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THROUGH BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS? THROUGH UNILATERAL REGULATIONS? HOW ARE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT MEASURES ENFORCED? IS FOREIGN FISHING PERMITTED AT ALL BY HOST COUNTRY? IF SO, WHAT ARE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH FISHING?

D) IS POACHING BY UNAUTHORIZED VESSELS A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR WHICH REDUCES THE HOST COUNTRY'S CATCH OR INCOME FROM FISHING OR SIGNIFICANTLY HARMS FISH STOCKS?

E) WHAT IS THE NATIONALITY OF THE PRINCIPAL POACHERS AND OF PRINCIPAL NATIONS FISHING WITH HOST GOVERNMENT CONSENT? (INCLUDE POSTS IN THESE COUNTRIES AS INFO ADDRESSEES IN YOUR RESPONSES.)

F) WHAT IS THE EXTENT OF THE HOST COUNTRY'S CLAIM TO EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF OFFSHORE FISHERIES?

G) WHAT ARE THE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES OF FISHING VESSEL SEIZURES BY THE HOST COUNTRY?

3. WHAT IS YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT'S

PROBABLE REACTION TO A PROPOSAL THAT IT ACT WITH ONE OR  
MORE OF ITS NEIGHBORS TO POLICE OFFSHORE FISHING OF THE  
SEVERAL STATES INCLUDED?

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